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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 4, 12, 35 and 41-49 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 22, 23, 32, 34, 36-38 and 40 are amended.

Claim 18 is withdrawn.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A packing case in two sections, comprising two corrugated board sheet elements ~~shaped~~ made of corrugated board sheet material, including:

a first element forming a tray and shape ~~having a first transverse tray side wall or other tray side walls~~, ~~forming a tray~~, and a second element forming a lid and shape ~~having a first transverse lid side wall or other lid side walls~~, ~~forming a lid imbricated with said tray~~, ~~wherein said tray and said lid form the packing case~~, ~~wherein the case further comprises partially precut connecting lines, including a partially precut upper connecting line, one or more precut portions, and/or one or more gluing points~~, ~~wherein the case comprises having at least four side walls, including a first transverse side wall, and a second transverse side wall opposite the first transverse side wall~~, ~~wherein said first transverse side wall includes grasping means arranged to be grasped by a user, and is joined to the rest of the case by the partially precut connecting lines allowing said first transverse side wall to be manually torn off by the user from the rest of the case~~,

~~wherein the first transverse tray side wall or and in that one or the other tray side walls of the tray are fixed respectively to the first transverse lid side wall or one or the other lid side walls of the lid solely by the one or more partially precut portions and/or the one or more gluing points, enabling a separation between walls by manual parting achieved by wherein application of a force perpendicularly perpendicular to the side walls of the case separates the side walls of the case, and wherein the partially precut upper connecting line is situated on said first transverse side wall so as to leave an upper tongue attached to the lid following tearing off.~~

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2. (Currently Amended) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first transverse side wall of the case is formed by [[the]] gluing together of two the first transverse side wall[[s]] of the lid and tray respectively, one upon the other.
3. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially precut, upper connecting line of the first side wall of the case with the lid is situated on the lid.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially precut, upper connecting line of the first transverse side wall of the case with the lid coincides with the edge of the upper face of the lid.
6. (Currently Amended) The case as claimed in claim 1, further comprising wherein the means for grasping the first side wall of the case, comprising a handle constituted by a recess centered on the partially precut upper connecting line of said first transverse wall of the case.
7. (Currently Amended) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially precut portion(s) portions and/or gluing points belong to the second transverse side wall of the case, opposite to the tear-off, first transverse side wall.
8. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the case comprises at least two partially precut portions or gluing points respectively situated at some place on the longitudinal side walls of the case.
9. (Previously Presented) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid is imbricated in the tray.
10. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially precut portion(s) belong to the tray.

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11. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the partially precut portion(s) are precut according to an open line.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first shape comprises a series of three leaves, including a central leaf forming the bottom of the tray laterally joined by first fold lines to two side leaves forming, at least in part, the longitudinal side walls of said tray, said series comprising at least one transverse flap situated on one side of said leaves to which the transverse flap is joined by at least one partially precut, second fold line perpendicular to the first fold lines, said transverse flap forming, at least in part, the first transverse side wall of the tray.

14. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 13, wherein each side leaf comprises two partially precut portions.

15. (Currently Amended) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second shape element comprises three panels, including a rectangular central panel forming [[the]] an upper face of the lid of the case laterally joined by third first fold lines to two side panels forming, at least in part, the side walls of the case, joined together with the first shape element respectively by said lateral, partially precut portion(s) portions, or said gluing points, ~~on the one hand, and by gluing lines, on the other hand~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The case as claimed in claim [[1]] 15, wherein the second shape element comprises two sets of side flaps situated at some place on said panels, to which they the two sets of side flaps are joined by fourth second fold lines situated facing said ~~second~~ third fold lines of the first shape.

17. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second shape comprises at least four panels respectively mutually joined by fourth fold lines parallel to the second fold lines of the first shape, and an end gluing tongue, the four panels comprising a set of flaps situated on the side opposite to the first shape.

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18. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein each leaf of the first shape comprises a transverse flap, including a central flap joined to the central leaf and forming a partially pre-cut bottom portion, and two side flaps joined to the side leaves and glued on said central flap.
19. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 1, wherein each shape comprises a series of four primary leaves terminated by a fixing tongue, said primary leaves and said tongue being mutually joined by mutually parallel first fold lines, directly or by means of secondary leaves, and an assembly of first side flaps, disposed on one side of said series of primary leaves and joined to the latter by second fold lines perpendicular to said first fold lines and intended to form, at least partially, the bottom of the tray, on the one hand, and the top of the upper section of the case, on the other hand.
20. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 19, wherein the fixing tongue of the second element extends along one section only of the side edge of the adjacent leaf to which it is joined, above the fixing tongue of the first element.
21. (Withdrawn) The case as claimed in claim 19, wherein the primary leaves are mutually separated by secondary leaves to form an eight-sided case, with cut corners.
22. (Currently Amended) An assembly of shapes for the formation of forming a case, further comprising two shapes elements, each elements respectively formed from having a central leaf or panel and from at least one side leaf leaves or panels, said two elements including a first shape element intended to form forming a tray and a second shape element intended to form the forming a lid of the assembly, wherein the assembly further comprises at least one partially pre-cut portion, partially pre-cut connecting lines, and means for grasping,
the first shape element comprising a second first transverse flap or at least one side leaf joined to the central leaf on a first side and arranged to be joined together to an adjacent side panel of the second shape element by means of the at least one partially pre-cut portion belonging to one of the shapes elements and glued to the other shape element, and

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a first second transverse flap joined to a second ~~on the other side to~~ of the central leaf by a partially pre-cut connecting line, and ~~in that~~ wherein a side panel of the second shape element is ~~fit to be~~ glued to the first second transverse flap and is joined to the central panel by a partially pre-cut connecting line[,] situated on said side panel, said first second transverse flap and side panel being arranged so as to be grasped by a user, ~~in that they~~ wherein said second transverse flap and side panel are ~~thus~~ joined to the rest of the assembly by the partially pre-cut connecting lines.

23. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the side leaves of the first shape element each comprise a flap, respectively joined to the corresponding leaf by a partially pre-cut fold line on the side of the first second transverse flap.

24. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the first shape comprises at least one partially pre-cut flap and the second shape at least four panels, one of which joined to its two adjacent panels by partially pre-cut fold lines and provided with a flap joined directly or by means of a fascia-forming panel portion to said panel, and intended to form the first vertical bottom wall of the case, by a partially pre-cut fold line.

25. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes for a packing case, as claimed in claim 22, wherein each element comprises a series of four primary leaves terminated by a fixing tongue, said primary leaves and said tongue being mutually joined by mutually parallel first fold lines, directly or by means of secondary leaves, and an assembly of first side flaps, disposed on one side of said series of primary leaves and joined to the latter by second fold lines perpendicular to said first fold lines and intended to form, at least partially, the bottom of the tray-forming first element, on the one hand, and the top of the second element, on the other hand, the two elements being arranged to be mutually joined by at least one precut leaf portion in one of said primary leaves of the first element, referred to as the outer leaf, said portion being fixed to the corresponding primary leaf facing the second element, referred to as the inner leaf,

and in that a transverse leaf of the first shape and a transverse leaf of the second shape are joined to the flap and to the corresponding adjacent leaves by precut connecting lines.

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26. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the precut connecting line(s) which are to correspond to the connecting line of the first side wall of the case, once formed with the lid, are situated on the lid.
27. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the precut upper connecting line which is to correspond to the connecting line of the first side wall of the case, once formed, coincides with the upper edge of the case, once formed.
28. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the precut leaf portion(s) are cut according to a closed line.
29. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the precut leaf portion(s) are cut according to an open line.
30. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 25, wherein the fixing tongue of the second element extends along one section only of the side edge of the adjacent leaf to which it is joined, above the fixing tongue of the first element.
31. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the primary leaves are mutually separated by secondary leaves to form an eight-sided case, with cut corners.
32. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein [[the]] concretization is effected by winding the two shapes which have previously been glued together and joined together by the at least one of said first partially pre-cut portion[[s]] around a mass of predetermined dimensions.
33. (Withdrawn) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the precut portions run obliquely from the junctions between first and second fold lines toward the outside of the first shape.

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34. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim 22, wherein the at least one partially pre-cut portion[[s]] belongs to the first shape.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim [[35]] 22, wherein the central leaf of the first shape element comprises a central flap in the extension of said bottom provided with two pre-cut bottom portions and the side leaves of the first shape element each comprise a side flap fit to be glued respectively on said pre-cut bottom portions.

37. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim [[35]] 22, wherein the central panel of the second shape element comprises a central flap in the extension of said panel provided with two pre-cut lid portions and the side panels of the second shape element each comprise a side flap fit to be glued respectively on said pre-cut lid portions.

38. (Currently Amended) The assembly of shapes as claimed in claim [[35]] 22, wherein the first shape element and the second shape element each comprise a set of one or more flaps, said sets being respectively joined to the corresponding leaves and panels by pre-cut fold lines.

39. (Withdrawn) The assembly as claimed in claim 35, wherein the lateral pre-cut portions run obliquely from the junction between first and second fold lines towards the outside of the first shape.

40. (Currently Amended) The assembly as claimed in claim [[35]] 22, wherein the first shape element comprises three pre-cut flaps and the second shape element comprises at least four panels, one of which is provided with a flap joined to said panel, intended to form forming the bottom of the case, by a pre-cut fold line.

41-49. (Canceled)